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Dear Sir/Madam,

It is with great concern that I draw the attention of your readers to the proposed sale, by the NSW State Government, of the farm land associated with Hurlstone Agricultural High School, Glenfield NSW. This proposed sale would effectively reduce the land associated with Hurlstone from 160 ha to 20 ha and greatly impact on the ability of the school to deliver effective hands-on education in agriculture and animal production.

As a concerned ex-student and someone that is involved in promoting animal production careers within the Animal and Veterinary BioScience degree at the University of Sydney I feel the sale of this land and the associated reduction in applied agriculture teaching will have a serious detrimental impact on the capacity to promote agricultural careers to the students, both rural and urban, attending this school.

Hurlstone has a long and proud history of producing prominent leaders within the Australian agricultural industry. At a time of an increasing world food shortage, climate variability and a need to improve farm productivity and water use efficiency it is essential to maintain and enhance the educational opportunities for our future agricultural and animal industry leaders.

I would like to encourage all ex-students and other interested people within the agricultural community to voice their objection to their local State Government representatives of the proposed sale of this land.

Yours faithfully,

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